## City of Lynn and Lynn Community Health Center Announce Ramp Down of Lynn Tech Vaccination Site

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Vaccines will continue to be offered at City Hall, Health Center, and Mobile Operation

LYNN – The City of Lynn and Lynn Community Health Center are announcing the gradual closure of the Lynn Tech Vaccination Site at the end of June. This vaccination site which began in February when vaccine rollout was ramping up, has been an enormous success in large part due to the incredible partnership and collaboration between the City of Lynn Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Lynn Community Health Center (LCHC) with staffing assistance from Mass General Brigham (MGB), the Town of Nahant, and the National Guard.

This Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> will be the last first dose session offered at the Lynn Tech Vaccination Clinic. There will be second dose only clinics offered at Lynn Tech every Thursday from 1:00-8:00pm beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> for the rest of that month.

"I am incredibly proud of and thankful for our teams from the City of Lynn and Lynn Community Health Center for their outstanding efforts to establish and operate the Lynn Tech Vaccination Site," said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. "There are many people behind the scenes and on the front lines on site that stepped up and worked tirelessly to ensure that the process was accessible and as smooth as possible for our community as they became eligible to receive the vaccine. While we now have over 51% of our Lynn population fully vaccinated, vaccines will still be available for residents who have not yet been vaccinated as we work towards President Biden's goal of having 70% of our community with at least one dose before July 4<sup>th</sup>."

In addition to the Lynn Tech operation, Lynn DPH, LCHC & MGB also partnered to host clinics for our first responders, teachers, and those who live in senior and low-income housing units. There were also numerous mobile vaccination clinics hosted at local places of worship, businesses, community organizations and at City flag raising events.

As of last Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 59% of Lynn residents have received at least one shot of their COVID-19 vaccine and 51% are fully vaccinated. During the height of the vaccination rollout, the Lynn Tech Vaccination Site was administering over 1,200 vaccines a day and more than 6,000 per week. To date, there have been 83,909 vaccine shots administered and 42,801 people have been fully vaccinated through the Lynn Tech Vaccinate Site and the mobile vaccination efforts.

"The close of the Lynn Tech site is a milestone for us. I am extremely proud of our health center staff for their immense work to quickly develop and operate the Lynn Tech Vaccination Site," said Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, CEO of Lynn Community Health Center. "Our partnerships with the City of Lynn Department of Public Health and the MGB Salem Hospital team were absolutely critical to our ability to offer all three COVID-19 vaccines as quickly as each became available to our communities. As a health center, we look forward to this next phase of our vaccine rollout as we continue to provide both vaccinations and vaccine education to our neighbors."

"I want to thank all of my Public Health Staff for their hard work and the Health Center for their partnership to execute the vaccine rollout at such a high level during this once in a lifetime pandemic," said Lynn Public Health Director Michele Desmarais. "Once the vaccine became available to the public, the Lynn Department of Public Health was able to act quickly and organize mobile vaccination clinics to reach our most vulnerable populations. I am proud of the work we have done and am glad to see the City of Lynn moving past this challenging and difficult pandemic."

Beginning Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> vaccines will be available at the Lynn Community Health Center at 269 Union Street from 8:30am-4:30pm on Mondays through Fridays. Beginning the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>, vaccines will also be available in Lynn City Hall on Tuesdays from 2:30pm-7:30pm and Fridays from 9:00am-12:00pm. Walk-ins will be accepted at both locations during the times listed or appointments can be made on the respective City of Lynn or LCHC websites.

Residents can also schedule appointments through the Lynn Vaccine Call Center by calling 781-595-7747 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am-8:00pm, Thursday from 10:00am-8:00pm, Saturday 8:30am-5:00pm, and Sunday 10:15am-5:00pm. The Lynn Vaccine Call Center was originally funded thanks to a grant from MGB which has resulted in greater accessibility for more residents to schedule their vaccine appointments.

In addition to continuing to offer vaccines at Lynn City Hall and Lynn Community Health Center locations, our mobile vaccination program will expand with our trained canvassing and community outreach team. We aim to provide vaccines in different wards of Lynn throughout the week, and we will continue to provide access to vaccinations on weekends. Our canvassing and community outreach team is comprised of Lynn-area residents, and they are excited to connect with those living in Lynn to offer vaccine information.

Homebound residents can still schedule in-home vaccination appointments through the state's in-home vaccination program. Residents who are homebound and unable to get to a vaccine location can call the Home Vaccination Central Intake Line at 833-983-0485 Monday through Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. Representatives are available in English and Spanish and there is access to translators to over 100 languages as well.

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